

The Daily Courant.

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London, December 14.

In our former, were incerted, a Memorial deliver'd to the Canton of Zurich, Oct. 23. by Monsieur de Mellaredé, the Duke of Savoy's Envoy: And a Letter written to the Swiss Cantons, Nov. 7. by the Marquess de Puiseux, the King of France's Ambassador, in Answer to that Speech: We have now to give Monsieur de Mellaredé's Reply to that Letter.

A Letter from Monsieur de Mellaredé to the Laudable Swiss Cantons.

Most Illustrious and most Puissant Lords!

THE Marquess de Puiseux, apprehending the Representation I made to you, being grounded on Facts known to all the World, would move you to look upon the Conduct of the Court of France towards his Royal Highness my Master, to be no less Irregular than Surprising; has endeavour'd by his Answer of the 7th of this Month, to remove the just Sentiments which you must needs have form'd of that Conduct, and prevent your making right Reflections on the Violence of it, and on the haughty Answer of Monsieur Phelipeaux, which he is desirous you should forget, lest you should draw such natural Consequences from it as would nearly touch the Helvetick Body. But, Most Illustrious and most Puissant Lords, You are too mindful of your Interest, and have too much Penetration, not to have discern'd at first view of that Answer, that it is built on Suppositions and imaginary Facts, which are the Pretext that Potentate has always made use of to colour his Proceedings with his Neighbours.

It is indeed what must have surpriz'd every one, that in the present Juncture his Most Christian Majesty should break with his Royal Highness my Master, whose Alliance and Troops are so useful to the 2 Crowns; The Marquess de Puiseux appears to be surpriz'd at it himself. But, did his most Christian Majesty imagine his Projects could have miscarried after the Measures he had taken? Did he foresee, that after having disarm'd his Royal Highness's Troops, and order'd his own to enter his Territories, that Prince, encompass'd with his Arms, would have dar'd to oppose his Designs? He did not think of raising himself a new Enemy; He made sure account of rendering him absolutely dependant on himself; and might have compass'd his Ends, had his Royal Highness been less Courageous and Daring.

The Marquess de Puiseux does not acquaint you, Most Illustrious and most Puissant Lords, that the most Christian King omitted nothing to engage his Royal Highness to make over to him his Territories on this side the Alps, to divest himself of his ancient Patrimony, and in exchange to accept contested Dominions in Italy; He is shy of making such Discoveries to you; He knows you would construe such Designs to be Chains preparing by France to hamper your Liberty, to be Measures she is concerting to render you dependant on her Will: He does not tell you neither, that the most Christian King, finding he could not succeed in that Project by a Treaty, flatter'd himself he should force his Royal Highness to accept his Offer, by putting him out of a Condition to resist him. He could tell you, would he discover to you all the Steps taken by the most Christian King in this Affair, that when he saw my Master was not to be shaken by Force and Threats, any

more than by Proffers; he caus'd the Duke of Vendome, at the Head of his Army, to reiterate the same Proposals to him that were made before on his part privately by Monsieur de Phelipeaux. Both of them have proffer'd to make a new Treaty with him, provided he will put into the Hands of the most Christian King some of his strong Places, for sure Pledges of his Fidelity; Pledges of his Fidelity! Can a Sovereign Prince be treated more haughtily? Are Vassals spoken to in other Terms? The Tyes of Blood, and the Troops his Royal Highness had in the Service of the 2 Crowns, were they not sufficient Securities for his adhering to them, if the most Christian King had no other View than the Conservation of the Milaneze for the Catholick King his Grandson?

Behold, Most Illustrious and most Puissant Lords, the Motive of this Rupture. Behold the Ambition of his Royal Highness my Master, the Ambition of keeping his ancient Patrimony, of having you for Neighbours, of preventing your being enclos'd on all sides by France, of not complying stupidly with all the Demands of that Crown. In the French Interpretation of Words, Not to submit to the Will of the most Christian King is Ambition; to oppose it is Stupidity; not to give up the Dominions he asks, is to push things to Extremity and to expose the Country and People to the Calamities of War.

The Marquess de Puiseux having taken care to hide from you the most Christian King's Designs, would persuade you he has penetrated those of other Potentates. He expatiates on the Promises he supposes were made to his Royal Highness my Master, to induce him to relinquish the Party of the 2 Crowns; He flatters himself, you will give Credit to his Suppositions, without examining whether the Facts that are known to you and the Circumstances accompanying them, have any Relation to all that he supposes, which I may justly term Chimeras; I will take notice only, Most Illustrious and most Puissant Lords, of his saying, that his Royal Highness address'd himself to the Laudable Helvetick Body, after many cross Occurrences many unlook'd for Disappointments; You will know, That when he did me the Honour to send me to this Laudable Body, he had met with nothing cross and unlook'd for, but the Disarming and Imprisoning of his Troops, and the Injury done him by France: That he dispatch'd me to you 2 days after he receiv'd Advice of it; That it was to you he first applied himself, after so unheard of a Proceeding, which he could not but take for an open and avow'd Rupture. His Royal Highness could not give you more convincing Proofs of his Confidence and Affection, than in making you the Proposals contain'd in my Memorial of the 23d of October, which have no other view than to maintain the Peace and Tranquility of the Laudable Helvetick Body, which depend on the Tranquility of its Frontiers and Principally on the Neutrality of Savoy, which lyes so close to you, and is almost the only side on which you are not shut up by the Arms of France. The Neutrality of Savoy secures that which has preserv'd you hitherto, and in which the Marquess de Puiseux would persuade you to continue, that France may be able the more securely to agitate Europe with most bloody Wars, as she has done many years.

I pass by the other Exaggerations of the Marquess de Puiseux, but, Most Illustrious and most Puissant Lords,

Lords, I cannot let slip what he has dar'd to say touching the Conduct which he supposes his Royal Highness my Master would observe towards you; his Royal Highness's past Actions, best signify what he would do for the future; Has he ever stirr'd up your own Subjects against you? Has he ever engag'd in any thing that might prejudice the Laudable Helvetick Body in General, or any of the Laudable Cantons in Particular? Has he been busie and Intriguing, either among your selves or your Allies? Has he endeavour'd to sow Distrust, Jealousie, or Suspicions among you? You know whether France is blameless on all these Heads, whether that King has always had a sincere Intention to maintain Union and Peace among you, whether he has been always dispos'd to promote your Interest as his Ministers would insinuate to you: You can inform your selves whether his Agents at Valais have secretly endeavour'd to give the Republick ill Impressions of some Cantons.

The Ambassador of France flatters himself too fondly; You are Sovereigns too Prudent and too Judicious to be deceiv'd by false Appearances: You know, most Illustrious and most Puissant Lords, with what Deference you were treated by his Master before he got the County of Burgundy which belong'd to the Monarchy of Spain; You had then in your hands the Destiny of part of the Dominions of those 2 Potentates, not to say more; And if the King of France has dar'd to build Huninghen, if he has lessen'd the Pay of the Swiss that are in his Service, 'tis but since he became your near Neighbour; What might you not expect if he were so near you on all sides; This is what you ought seriously to Reflect upon, and on the ill Consequences of having no other Neighbour than one so powerful, who would pretend to have Troops of you for himself alone, and would deprive you of the Advantage of being Useful to all the Potentates of Europe, &c.

Berne, Nov. 11, 1703.

P. Mellaredé.

Deale, Dec. 13. Her Majesty's Ship the Prince George, Shrewsbury, Content, Hunter Fireship, and Greenwich Storeship, sail'd yesterday in the Afternoon to the Westward, and the Tilbury this Morning towards the River: Here still remain the Essex, Eagle, Warpight, Nottingham, Chatham, Triton, Charles Galley, and Mary Galley. The outward bound last mention'd are still here; also 1 for East-India, 3 for Smirna, 1 for Leghorne, and 1 for Jamaica.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Wednesday being the 15th of December, will be presented a Comedy call'd, *The Funeral*, or, *Grief A-la-mode*. With several Entertainments of Singing and Danceing. And a comical Night Scene between *Scaramouch*, *Harlaquin* and *Punchanello*, in a Tavern. And tomorrow, at the Desire of several Persons of Quality, will be presented a Comedy call'd, *The Pilgrim*.

LOST between *Switbins-lane* and the Custom-house, a little Book cover'd with red painted Paper, wherein were the Weights of Sugar, Ginger, &c. Whoever brings it to *Cole's* Coffee-house in *Birchin-lane*, shall have 5 s. Reward.

THE Libraries of Mr. Robert White deceas'd, the late excellent Engraver, and of a Gentleman of the Temple, consisting of valuable Books in several Languages and Faculties, will this day (being the 15th instant) at 9 in the Morning, begin to be sold by Retail at very reasonable Rates in the Inner Walk of Exeter Exchange in the Strand, and continue there every day this and the following Week. Catalogues with the Prizes are to be seen at the Place of Sale.

A Sermon upon the late Dreadful Storm, Preach'd at St. Andrew's Holborn, November 28. 1703. By Tho. Manningham, Rector of St. Andrew's Holborn, and Chaplain in Ordinary to Her Majesty. Publish'd at the Request of some of the Inhabitants. Printed for Jacob Tonson within Gray's-Inn-Gate next Gray's-Inn-Lane.

THE Powder of *Paraguay*, the most effectual Medicine ever brought into Europe (or indeed known in the World) for the Cure of the Rheumatism, 3 or 4 Doses removing the most violent Pains thereof to a Miracle, and being continued makes a safe and perfect Cure without the least disorder or danger of Relapse; it likewise gives immediate ease in the most raging Paroxysms of the Gout, and Stone and Gravel, and so absolutely destroys their very Seeds or Morbifick Principles, that a few Doses taken twice or thrice a Year (in the intervals of the Fits) will certainly (in time) work a perfect Cure, if curable; if incurable, 'twill so keep off and lessen the Fits, as not to return so often, nor continue near so long and tormenting as used; 'tis also an infallible Remedy for the Scurvy, Jaundice and Dropsie. To be had only at *Jacob's* Coffee-House, against the Angel and Crown Tavern in *Threadneedle-street* near the Royal Exchange, at 5 s. the Paper (containing several Doses) seal'd up with Directions.

THE Golden Snuff, which hath been found to be Beneficial against the Headach, Drowlines, dullness of Hearing, Colds in the Head, and Humours in the Eyes, having been formerly sold at *Jacob's* Coffee-house in *Threadneedle-street*, is now by the Author's order, only sold at *Mason's* Coffee-house in *Bartholomew-lane* near the Royal Exchange, Price 6 d. a Paper seal'd up with Directions. Where any Person in City or Country may now be furnish'd with what quantity they please, good Allowance being made to those who will sell it again. At the same place is still to be had the Balsam of *Cathay*, so much approved of for giving present ease to Gouty and Rheumatick Pains. Price 2 s. 6 d. the Box with Directions. It never decays.

THE right Venetian Strops, compleatly fix'd on Boards for setting Razors, Penknives, &c. upon, instead of a Hoane, very useful for Surgeons, Barbers and others, experienc'd to be much more durable and smooth, never growing rough by using, setting them with greater fineness and exactness, and with much less trouble than any yet known, preserving their edge so, as for a long time together to have no need of being Ground, at 1 s. each. Also the famed Metal Boards of the same size, for sharpening Case-knives, &c. upon, which hardly ever waists or wears out, immediately grinding and giving them an extraordinary sharp edge beyond any Whetstone, Whetting-board, or Steel, very useful for all Families, as well as Taverns, Eating-houses, Shoemakers, and other Trades. Are Sold only at Mr. *Allcraft's* a Toyshop at the Bluecoat Boy the corner of Pope's-head-Alley against the Royal Exchange, *Cornhill*; at Mr. *Cooper's* a Cane-Shop near the corner of Charles Court near York Buildings in the Strand, and at Mr. *Brooks's* a Stationer at the Ship near the May-Pole in the Strand, also at 1 s. each, with Directions for both.

MEMOIRS of the *Sieur d'Ablancourt*, containing a General History of the Court and Kingdom of Portugal, from the Pyrenean Treaty. With a full Relation of all the Battles and Sieges in the War between Spain and Portugal, under the Command of the late Duke of Schomberg, then in the Portuguese Service. With the Character and some material Passages of that Great General's Life: As also an exact Account of the deposing of the late King *Alfonso*, and the Accession of *Don Pedro*, his present Portuguese Majesty; and other remarkable Transactions, whereby will appear the Genius, Policy and Strength of that Nation, and its Interest with respect to Foreign Courts: Also the Treaty of Peace between Portugal and Spain, and the League Offensive and Defensive between France and Portugal. With a Description of the Places of Strength on the Frontiers of Portugal and Spain, and the Portuguese Method of Marching, Encamping, &c. Printed for *Ralph Smith* under the Royal Exchange in *Cornhill*, and *James Round* in Exchange-Alley. 8°. Price 3 s. 6 d.

A Letter to a Member of Parliament, relating to the Bill against Occasional Conformity in the last Session. Octavo. Sold by *John Lawrence* at the Angel in the Poultry. Price 3 d.